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SUBJECT: ANNUAL MESSAGE OF THE BELGIAN KING BAUDOUIN

1. IN HIS ANNUAL YEAR-END MESSAGE, KING BAUDOUIN THIS YEAR ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THE ENERGY CRISIS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE, AND DOMESTIC INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.
2. THE KING DESCRIBED THE ENERGY PROBLEM AS (A) CERTAIN TO CONTINUE EVEN IF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT IS SETTLED, AND (B) IMPOSING RECONSIDERATION OF THE GOALS OF SOCIETY AND THE POSSIBLE VIRTUS IF SACRIFICES AND RESTRICTIONS ARE EQUITABLY SHARED, OF A MORE SIMPLE WAY OF LIFE.
3. EUROPEAN UNIFICATION IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING NO IMPERIALIST OR HEGEMONISTIC GOALS. "THE EUROPE OF THE NINE, MADE STRONG BY THE LABOR OF ITS CITIZENS, ITS ANCIENT AND RICH CULTURE, ITS SCIENCE AND ITS TECHNOLOGY, MUST SEEK TO BE AN ELEMENT OF CONCERTATION AND PEACEFUL STIMULATION IN A WORLD STRUCTURE (ENSEMBLE MONDIAL) WHERE NEW EQUILIBRIUMS ARE EMERGING BETWEEN ESTABLISHED POWERS AND THOSE ENTERING THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE."

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4. DOMESTICALLY, THE GOALS SERVED BY CONSTITUTIONAL

REVISION AND PARTICULARLY BY REGIONALIZATION, THE
KING STATED, REMAIN VALID, BUT MUST BE SEEN IN A NEW LIGHT
GIVEN RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN WORLD AFFAIRS.

5. COMMENT: PREOCCUPATION WITH THE ECONOMIC
REPERCUSSIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND OIL
SHORTAGE MAY TEMPER, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY,
PRESSURES FOR THE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURES BASED ON LINGUISTIC PRIORITIES.
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